Bickfords [subject]

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Re Bickfords

Did you compare your three supposed duplicates as to metal and obverse and reverse register?

Am sending six varieties, all that I have here, for your comparison, photgraph, etc., as desired. It would be well if you would write out the description, etc., for mss. use. These include what Sears had. Have purchased his lot.

Have not had a rise from my several inquiries regarding Bickford. His name appears in N.Y.C. directories from 1872 to about 1897. He conducted a Knitting Machine establishment on Broadway. Have written to several Bickfords whose addresses are in the current directory but none report knowing anything about Dana or his business associates.

E.H. Adams gives Bickford some space in his Pattern book, 1874, When you can try and obtain any additional information Adams may have regarding B. and if anything particular about his base metal "dollars".

I have heard that a small publication, probably only a pamphlet, published during the silver agitation, called COMETALISM or with that word in the title deals with Bimetal Coins. You may be able to locate this publication.